

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A tip for oculistic surgery, particularly for the removal of a
2 cataract, said tip having a proximal joint end and a distal end, which contacts ~~{the}~~ crystalline
3 during a surgical intervention, wherein the distal end which contacts a corneal or sclera tissue
4 is coated with an anti-friction treatment, based on carbon and tungsten carbide.

1 2. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said treatment is
2 carried out by a PVD (Physical Vapour Deposition) technique.

1 3. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein a thin layer of
2 chromium (Cr_1) is applied during the treatment, to improve adhesion of the subsequent
3 depositions.

1 4. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said proximal joint
2 end is subjected to polishing.

1 5. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said end is shaped
2 with different angles and geometry.

1 6. (Previously Cancelled)